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TOPIC

Soviet Fuel Depots in East Germany

EVALUATION

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PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT

September to 12 November 1952

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DATE PREPARED

21 January 1953

REFERENCES

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1. In mid-October 1952, the Soviet fuel depot at Schleife was operated by about 100 soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets. A major and Captain Koften (fnj) were apparently in command of the unit. The depot was guarded by sentries on four observation towers and patrols with dogs.¹ Residents stated that the installation had been demolished by the Soviets in 1945 and 1946. Several workers who were working on the reconstruction of the installation [] the new depot consisted of about 100 containers which were buried in groups of three about 1.80 meters in the ground. In the summer of 1952, 39 additional containers which were larger than those of the regular railroad tank cars, were shipped to the depot and redispached toward Spremberg by rail some time later.² The installation was separated from the former German depot by a board and wire fence. A spur track from an undetermined location enters the depot.

2. On 29 August, the Schleife fuel depot received 19 tank car loads of gasoline from Troeglitz [] 25X1

3. In September 1952, only seven railroad tank cars with 100 tons of fuel were dispatched from Schleife, [] to Velten [] In October 1952, 1 railroad tank car with 9 tons of fuel was dispatched to Velten, [] and 2 boxcars with 19 tons of fuel in barrels were dispatched to Biesenthal, []³

4. An almost complete coverage of the traffic from and to the fuel depot at Radensleben indicated that no rail shipments were dispatched from, or arrived at, the depot in September and October 1952.⁴

5. An incomplete coverage of the Falkensee fuel depot revealed that 17 railroad tank cars with fuel arrived at the depot between 8 September and 12 November 1952. []

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6. The following shipments arrived at, or were dispatched from, the Kammersdorf fuel depot, [] from 13 September until late October 1952:

Incoming Shipments.

Date	Number of Tank Cars with Gasoline	From
13 September	14	Strassgraebchen-Bernsdorf
15 "	1	Frankfurt/Oder, []
20 "	6	undetermined
21 "	1	Cottbus
8 October	1 boxcar	"
	1	Velten
10 "	1	"
27 "	8	Fuerstenwalde
31 "	1	Velten

Outgoing Shipments.

Date	Number of Tank Cars	To
1 September	1	Cottbus
10 "	1	" , []
10 October	1	Rosslau, []
14 "	2	" "

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7. Outgoing shipments in September 1952:

Date in September	Number of Railroad Cars	To
1	1 tank car with 12 tons of gasoline	Strassgraebchen-Bernsdorf, []
3	2 boxcars with 15 tons of gasoline in barrels	Cottbus, []
10	1 tank car with 11 tons of gasoline	Strassgraebchen-Bernsdorf, []
11	1 boxcar with 3 tons of gasoline in barrels	Cottbus, []
11	1 boxcar with 4 tons of military goods	Stralitz-Alt, []

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25X1	13	1 tank car with 12 tons of gasoline	Jueterbog	
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25X1	29	2 boxcars with 13 tons of gasoline	Rosslau	
25X1		in barrels		
25X1	29	1 boxcar with 5 tons of gasoline	Cottbus	
25X1		in barrels		

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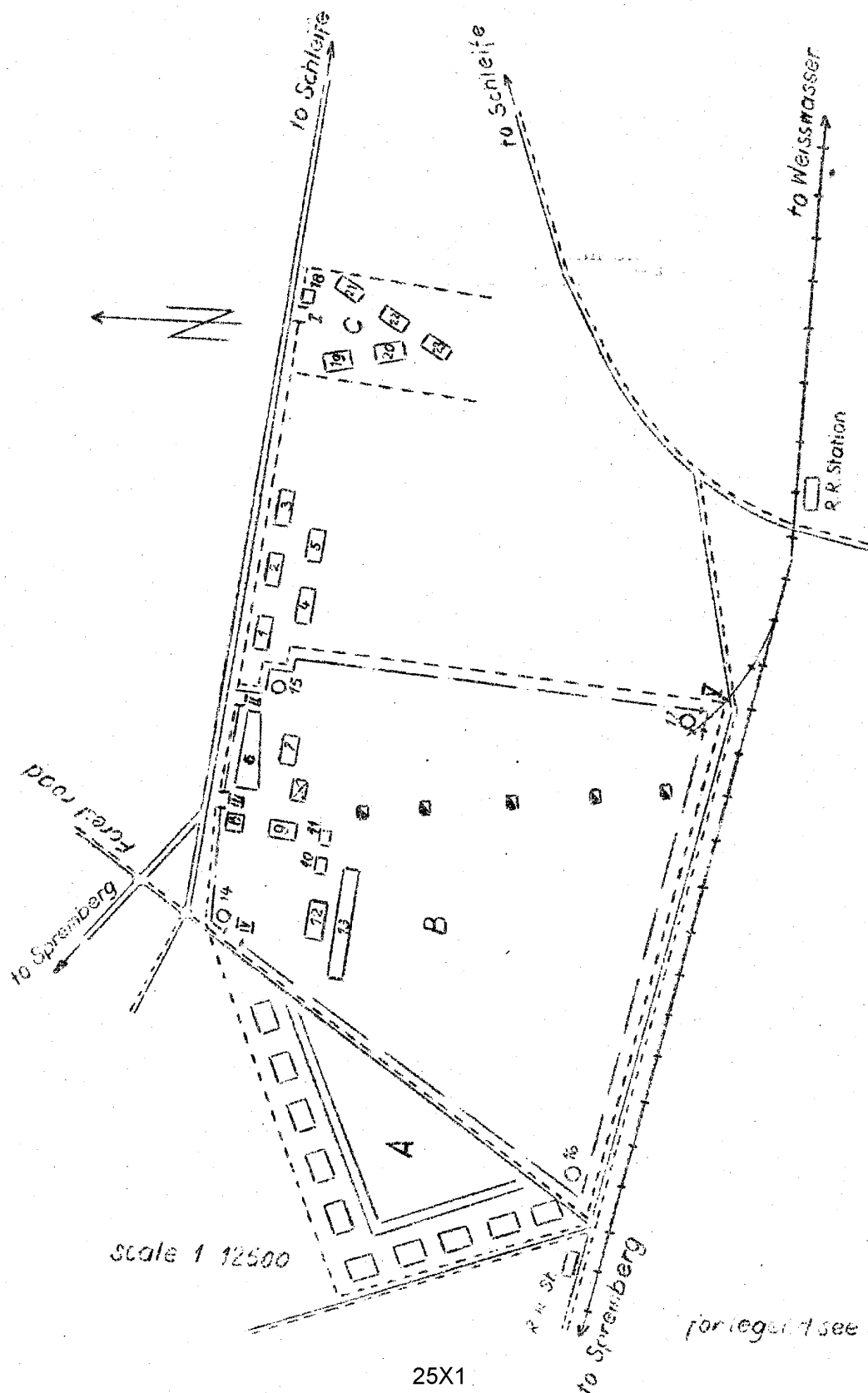
- 25X1 1. [] Comment. Captain Koften (fnu) is mentioned for the first time.
 25X1 The name was presumably erroneously recorded. For sketch of installation, see Annex.
- 25X1 2. [] Comment. The last shipments of fuel containers by rail were reported in December 1951. [] The information is indicative of either an error in dispatching or an exchange of damaged containers.
- 25X1 3. [] Comment. The small volume of outgoing shipments confirm previous assumptions according to which the Schleife depot is carried chiefly as reserve fuel depot.
- 25X1 4. [] Comment. Radensleben is believed to be a GOFG reserve depot.
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- 25X1 5. [] Comment. Falkensee is the fuel depot of the 1st Mecz Div. It is to be assumed that the depot actually received only the amount of fuel indicated in the report. Most of the motor vehicles belong to units of the 1st Mecz Div; but 1 vehicle belongs to the Twenty-Fourth Air Army, 1 to the Rear Services of the GOFG, 2 vehicles to the 2d Arty Brig, and 1 motor vehicle []
- 25X1 6. [] Comment. Kummersdorf is the army fuel depot of the Third Gds Mecz Army. The information on incoming and outgoing shipments is given credence. [] units of the Third Gds Mecz Army and were confirmed at an earlier date.
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Soviet Fuel Depot, APT 51557, at Schleife (C 58/A 54)

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Legend.

A. Area with demolished bunkers.

B. Fuel depot.

C. School for mayors.

1. to 5. Foundation walls of demolished low wooden buildings.

6. Athletic field.

7. Barracks building.

8. Guardhouse and quarters.

9. Quarters.

10. to 13. Demolished bunkers and barracks building.

19. to 23. Quarters.

18. Guardhouse.

14. to 17. Watchtowers.

I, II, III Gates

IV and V

----- Wire fence

----- Board fence with barbed wire

⊠ Lighting masts

⊠ Propped-up tank

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